

# Board of Crawford County Commissioners

## Commissioners' Journal

2023, **EIGHTY-SECOND** MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM  
Girard, KS. **Tuesday, October 31, 2023 10:00 AM**

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to Kansas Statutes.

Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 18 in due and regular session with open doors.

Commissioner Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker and County Counselor Jim Emerson were seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion (23-455)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **October 27, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Wood and Blair

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.**

### **SIGNING OF MOTIONS**

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 23	452	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the October 24, 2023 minutes
Motion 23	453	To approve the FY23 Community Corrections Year-End Outcome Report Signatory Approval Form and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	454	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding county employees and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:52 AM

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## UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

### PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

### MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

### PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

### MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

### MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

### MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

### MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Item One:** EMS Director Randy Sandberg requested an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (23-456)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Blair to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding the EMS Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson and EMS Director Randy Sandberg and to reconvene by 10:13 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:03 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:13 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

## NEW BUSINESS

**Item One:** County Clerk Lisa Lusker stated that today is the last day to request an advance ballot to be mailed for the 2023 City/School General Election. She explained that early voting is still available in the County Clerk's Office until Monday, November 6, 2023 at 12:00 Noon.

**Item Two:** County Counselor Jim Emerson presented a copy of letter that Zoning Administrator & Zoning & Floodplain Administrator May Smith is sending out to property owners. He said that Ms. Smith & GIS Director Kyle Nelson have been working internally with Kansas Dept. of Agricultural, Division of Water Resources along with Federal Emergency Management Agency on new flood maps. He explained that the new maps are in the preliminary stage and a Public Open House will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Fire Station #1, 911 W 4<sup>th</sup> St, Pittsburg, KS for public review and comments for any landowner that is impacted by the changes in the maps. He explained that the letter from Ms. Smith will go to every landowner in the county that has had a change in the flood maps. He said that approximately 400 letters will be mailed out and should be mailed next Monday. Mr. Emerson urged any landowner with questions to contact Ms. Smith or Mr. Nelson and to

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attend the Public Open House. He listed the representatives that will be present at the Public Open House that will be able to answer questions.

**Item Three:** Mr. Emerson presented the Kansas Housing Notice of Financial Award Grant Agreement Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant. He explained that Crawford County is the grant recipient and Safehouse Crisis Center Inc. is the subrecipient. He explained that Safehouse was awarded \$21,567.57.

**On motion (23-457)** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Kansas Housing Notice of Financial Award Grant Agreement Kansas Emergency Solutions Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

**Item Four:** Commissioner Wood requested a work session on Friday, November 3, 2023 at 9:30 AM with Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz to discuss the vandalism to the air conditioners at the Mental Health Building and the Freeto Building sewer project. Mr. Emerson will contact Mr. Gorentz.

**Item Five:** Commissioner Wood discussed the current budget status for the Road & Bridge Department and Mr. Emerson stated that the information is currently being worked on and will hopefully have it by Friday.

**Item Six:** Commissioner Wood discussed a safety training for transformers and power lines. He will keep the Commissioners updated on the status of setting up the training.

**Item Seven:** Commissioner Wood addressed a previous Commission meeting where ARPA Large Childcare funding was discussed and asked Ms. Lusker if she would be able to locate a meeting date after the election is over. Ms. Lusker answered that she should have time after the election process is complete.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Item One:** Mr. Emerson presented the asphalt report and the rock report to the Commissioners for their review. He also presented the landfill report for 2023 and for 2022 and explained that he has been working with Mr. Matt Sanders from Oak Grove Landfill for a check for July and he will also be following up on a payment for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter from United Services. He addressed landfill tonnage and discussed the comparison from 2022 to 2023. Commissioner Wood requested to have all the reports monthly.

**Item Two:** Commissioner Moody discussed the land behind the Lamplighter Inn and Mr. Emerson stated that he is still working on this issue.

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**Item Three:** Commissioner Wood asked for a work session with EMS Director Randy Sandberg. Mr. Emerson will work on setting up a work session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION continued**

**Item Two:** Commissioner Bruce Blair requested an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel.

**On motion (23-458)** of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss Non-Elected Personnel regarding the Road & Bridge Department and to include the Board of County Commissioners and County Counselor Jim Emerson and to reconvene by 10:47 AM.

Yeas: Commissioners Wood, Blair, and Moody

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 10:32 AM and reconvened the Open Session at 10:44 AM with no action taken except to go back into open session.**

### **NEW BUSINESS continued**

**Item Eight:** Commissioner Wood requested a work session with County Appraiser Zach Edwards at 9:15 AM on Friday, November 3, 2023 to discuss land. Mr. Emerson will contact Mr. Edwards.

### **UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS:**

**Item One: November 3, 2023 – 9:15 AM** Work Session with County Appraiser Zach Edwards.

**Item Two: November 3, 2023 – 9:30 AM** Work Session with Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Item One: November 7, 2023 – 2023 City/School General Election.** Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

**Item Two: November 10, 2023 –** The Courthouse will be closed and the Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners is cancelled due to the Veteran's Day holiday.

### **UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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### MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Item One:** Adjournment

**On the motion** of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [October 31, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:46 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

**The motion prevailed.**

**In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed my official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.**

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**Lisa Lusker**  
County Clerk

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**This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.**

**[Taken BKW 11/1/2023 3:30 PM/amended](#)**